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Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the "Board of Trade Journal" can be purchased through any booksellers, agents or direct from H.M. Stationery Office, New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

Toilet Preparations

A General Licence (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 575, price 1d.) dealing with the use of petroleum products in the manufacture of controlled goods has been issued by the Board of Trade under the Toilet Preparations Order, 1942 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 26th December 1942, page 551). Hairdressers who made toilet preparations before 1st October 1941, and are not registered in Part 1 of the Toilet Preparations Register may now make up for use in their saloons only small quantities of liquid petroleum products which were purchased before 1st January 1942. This concession refers only to stocks of liquid petroleum products not exceeding five gallons. Individual licences must still be obtained in respect of such stocks when they exceed 5 gallons and in respect of all stocks of petroleum jelly; applications should be made to the Assistant Secretary, Industries and Manufactures 4, Board of Trade, Millbank, London, S.W.1, stating the amount of stock to be licensed.

Domestic Overalls

The Board of Trade wish to emphasize that all domestic overalls, whether or not utility, must conform to the styles and measurements scheduled in BS/B.O.T.5. The distinction previously drawn in the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Orders between garments in respect of which purchase tax is chargeable and others served to distinguish between adults' and children's sizes. When purchase tax was removed from utility cloth, and garments made from it, the words "in respect of which purchase tax is chargeable" were removed by the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Orders (Amendment) Order, 1942 (S. R. & O. 1942 No. 1672, price 1d.). This amendment applied to all the Making of Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Orders published before the 22nd August 1942.

Purchase Tax

DEAF AID APPLIANCES

The Treasury hereby give notice, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (2) Act, 1940, that they propose to make an Order directing that Purchase Tax shall cease to be chargeable on electric batteries of not less than 30 volts and not more than 90 volts, specially designed for high tension supply for deaf aid appliances, and using cells not larger than 40 millimetres over all in length by 13½ millimetres in diameter.

Any representations which interested parties desire to make in regard to these proposals should be addressed in writing to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, City Gate House, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2, not later than 29th April 1943.

Control of Scrap Leather

Applications for licences under the Control of Scrap Leather (No. 1) Order, 1943 (see the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th March 1943, page 106) should be addressed to The Director of Civilian Leather Supplies, Ministry of Supply (Leather Control), Telephone House, Harpur Street, Bedford.

Export Credits Guarantee Department

RETURN FOR MARCH QUARTER

The following statement shows the aggregate amount of the guarantees given during the quarter ended 31st March 1943 under Section 1 of the Export Guarantees Act, 1939:—

During the quarter ended 31st March 1943 the Department assumed liability up to a maximum of £9,817,025 in respect of contracts, policies and guarantees amounting to £18,149,737.

Longer Rationing Period for Goods and Public Service Vehicles

The Ministry of War Transport announces that the following changes are to be made in the arrangements for issuing motor fuel ration coupons to operators of goods vehicles and public service vehicles:—

The rationing period is to be extended from 2 weeks to 4 weeks, except for those operators of public service vehicles whose work is not considered sufficiently stable to justify this course.

The issue day is to be changed from Friday to Wednesday, except for vehicles for which coupons are issued by the Government Road Haulage Organisation, and

Coupons issued for 4-weekly periods will be given 6 weeks validity.

To avoid congestion in coupon issuing offices, coupons will be issued to different groups of operators in different weeks. The change-over will begin on Friday, 14th May, when operators will receive, through their normal channels, coupons for periods varying from 2½ to 5½ weeks ending on a Wednesday. After the end of those periods all coupon issues made by the Ministry of War Transport will be for periods of 4 weeks (except for those public service vehicle operators remaining on a fortnightly basis) and will be made on Wednesdays (except those issued by the Government Road Haulage Organisation).

Every operator affected will be notified in writing of the period to be covered by his application for the rationing period commencing 14th May and of the dates for the submission of his subsequent applications.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuance of the list given in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 17th April 1943 (page 150), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1943:—

No. 545. The Cereal Fillers (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1943, dated 8th April 1943, price 1d.

No. 546. The Fish (Distribution) Order, 1943, dated 8th April 1943, price 2d.

No. 547. Directions, dated 8th April 1943, under the Food Transport Order, 1941, price 2d.

Trading with the Enemy

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(a) Shipowners on the Statutory List

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition

to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptan
Ollanta	Peru	144	Mrs. G. A. de Leemhuis, Callao
Cala Antio	Spain	134	Naviera Mallorquina (D. Ramis Mut.)
Cala Contesa ...	Ditto	207	Ditto
Cala Falco	Ditto	75	Ditto
Cala Gallota... ...	Ditto	100	Ditto
Cala Llamp	Ditto	126	Ditto
Cala Llonga	Ditto	111	Ditto
Cala Marsal	Ditto	199	Ditto
Cala Mondrago ...	Ditto	203	Ditto
Cala Morlanda ...	Ditto	293	Ditto
Cala Murta	Ditto	152	Ditto
Cala Pi	Ditto	197	Ditto
Cala Gat	Ditto	283	Ditto
Cala Tuent	Ditto	121	Ditto
Piedad	Ditto	90	Ditto
Cala Fornells ...	Ditto	93	Ditto
Cala Bona	Ditto	72	Ditto
Cala Castell	Ditto	123	Ditto
Cala Mitjana ...	Ditto	92	Ditto
Cala Murada ...	Ditto	229	Ditto
Cala Encantada ...	Ditto	173	Ditto
Cala Portals	Ditto	150	Ditto
Cala San Vicens ...	Ditto	159	Ditto
Jose Trujillo... ...	Ditto	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Isidro Labrador	Ditto	235	Ditto
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje...	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	316	Ditto
Sebastian	Ditto	3,024	Ditto
Tercio Montejurra ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maria Amalia ...	Ditto	744	Ditto
San Eduardo ...	Ditto	300	Ditto
Ellen (ex Nera Ametza)	Ditto	359	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Isla de Gomera ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Bachi...	Ditto	3,077	Cia Naviera Bachi (Hijos de Astigarraga) (Controlled by Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.)
Bartolo	Ditto	3,124	Ditto
Juan de Astigarraga	Ditto	3,561	Ditto
Kauldi	Ditto	3,157	Ditto
Manuchu	Ditto	3,119	Ditto
Tom	Ditto	3,056	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Vicente	Spain	534	Cia Naviera Levantina Ltda.
Industrial	Ditto	313	Soc. Anon Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
Laguna	Brazil	620	Herman Stoltz & Co. Rio de Janeiro
Nina (ex Dina) ...	Portugal	273	Madureira E. Rego Ltda.
Delfin	Spain	98	Julio Gonsalez Martin, Las Palmas
Maria Bonmatti ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Anna	Brazil	721	Empreza Nacional de Navegacao Hoepcke (Carlos Hoepcke S.A.)
Carl Hoepcke ...	Ditto	1,249	Ditto
Max	Ditto	247	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Fermina Concepcion	Spain	80	Manuel Rodriguez
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Transportador (ex Trevo 2°) ...	Ditto	202	A. Transportadora Ltda
Alvaiazere	Ditto	258	Jose Rui de Matos Pereira
Sidi Ifni	Spain	732	S. A. Hispana-Africana de Reconocimentos Atlanticos
Herlinda	Panama	452	Gulf Shipping Co.
Maria 3°	Portuga	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4° ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Goncalves Zarco Segundo	Ditto	52	Adao Pecheco Polonia
Carlos Alberto Primeiro	Ditto	58	Ditto
Sa'da Bandeira ...	Ditto	56	Ditto
Galvina	Ditto	63	Ditto
Santa Clara de Bomfin	Ditto	45	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Almadabra Marroqui
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla) ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas.
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Sevim	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 17th April 1943 were wheat, 17s. 6d.; barley, 34s. 6d. and oats, 16s. 1d.

British Standards Specifications

COPPER RINGS AND STRIPS

An additional Specification in the series of the Services Non-Ferrous Metal Schedule has just been published as STA/13. It provides for the quality of material to be used for copper rings and strip for driving bands of all projectiles and shot.

The chemical composition of the material is specified and is similar to that covered by the B.S. Nos. 1036, 1037, 1038, and 1039, except that Bismuth must not exceed 0·005 per cent.

The details of the manufacture of the rings are specified, together with the mechanical properties of the rings, and include hardness bend and tensile tests.

The specification is published as a single sheet for insertion in a folder issued as B.S./STA/7.

Copies are obtainable from the Publications Department of the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 6d. each, or 3d. each for 12 or more.

CODE FOR FLOW MEASUREMENT

The lack of any authoritative reference standard for the measurement of flow has been felt in this country for a long time, particularly in those cases where guaranteed classes of plant are concerned. In this respect Great Britain has lagged behind Germany, Italy, the United States and the International Federation of Standardisation Associations.

The British Standards Institution has now published a Code for Flow Measurement (No. 1042-1942) which has engaged the work of a Committee since 1938. While full account has been taken of the standards of other countries, notably the reports of the A.S.M.E. Research Committee and the German Standards published by the Verein Deutscher Ingenieure, the Code represents current British practice.

The conditions governing the design, installation and use of standard pressure-difference devices are fully set out in order to obtain consistent and generally acceptable results within a specified tolerance from commercial instruments. The "secondary devices" or flow meters are not dealt with, since if all the relevant rules of the Code are followed the slight additional to tolerance required for any individual flowmeter under any given conditions can easily be established by a manometric check.

Methods of volumetric measurement of fluid flow by weirs and notches are not included. These are covered in B.S. 599 and it is intended to incorporate Sections dealing with these methods in the first revision of the Code.

The Code meets a widespread demand and should prove valuable to users of commercial flow meters as well as those who require to make up their own test apparatus. It should also help to avoid the disputes which have sometimes arisen between maker and purchaser as to the consumption or output of prime movers, pumps and similar plant.

Copies of this Code (for Flow Measurements, B.S. 1042) may be obtained from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 12s. 6d. net.

SUMMARY OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN SPECIFICATIONS FOR IRON AND STEEL

A very interesting and valuable publication has just been issued under reference No. B.S. 1111, Summary of British and American Standard Specifications for Irons and Steels. The number of specifications for steel products is now considerable particularly when account is taken of the specifications in the British Standard Aircraft Series and those in the D.T.D. Series of the Ministry of Aircraft Production. A user requiring information as to whether a specification exists for a particular steel would at the present time have to consult a large number of publications before he would be able to find out whether there is a specification which provides for the particular steel he requires. There has, therefore, been a growing need for a tabulated summary which would set out the details of the various specifications in a single publication. This need has now been met by the issue of the publication referred to above.

It includes details of the chemical composition and also the mechanical properties of all British Standard Specifications for Iron and Steel and also the Ministry of Aircraft D.T.D. Specifications. The foreword makes quite clear that the summary is intended for reference purposes only. It does not cover such points as the number of tests to be taken, the procedure to be followed if the first test fails and other essential requirements that have to be laid down in a specification. The appropriate specification should always be used when ordering material. The usefulness of the summary has been greatly increased by the inclusion of details of American Steels. These are of considerable importance with the deliveries of steel that are made from the U.S.A. The summary includes details of the full range of steels covered by the S.A.E. Series (Society of Automotive Engineers), the A.M.S. Series (Aeronautical Material Specifications) and the N.E. Series (National Emergency Steels).

The selection of steels from the A.S.T.M. and the Federal series has been made in accordance with the latest recommendations of the War Production Board. This publication which will be extremely useful throughout the whole of industry is available from the Offices of the British Standards Institution 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 12s. 6d. post free.

Postal Notice

MAILS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned mails have been lost at sea :—

From the United Kingdom

(a) By enemy action :—	Districts and approximate dates of posting.
Surface Mails :—	
Letters for :—	
Spain and the Canary Islands ...	London : 4th-21st February Elsewhere : 3rd-20th February.
Printed Papers for :—	
Spain and the Canary Islands ...	All districts : 7th-23rd February
Parcels for :—	
Spain	All districts : 7th-23rd February
(b) By causes other than enemy action :—	
Surface Mails :—	
Letters for :—	
Aden, British Somaliland, Mauritius and Seychelles.	Manchester area : 18th February-1st March Elsewhere : 18th-28th February
Belgian Congo (Elizabethville area only), Ethiopia, French Somali Coast, Portuguese East Africa and Saudi Arabia.	All districts : 15th-25th February
Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, South Africa and South-west Africa.	London : 18th-28th February Elsewhere : 18th February-1st March
Printed Papers for :—	
Aden, British Somaliland, Mauritius and Seychelles.	Manchester : 18th February-1st March Elsewhere : 13th-28th February
Belgian Congo (Elizabethville area only), French Somali Coast, Portuguese East Africa and Saudi Arabia	All districts : 11th-28th February
Kenya, Somalia, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar. (Only part of these mails lost)	All districts (except Manchester) : 13th-28th February
Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland	London : 13th-28th February Elsewhere : 18th February-1st March
South Africa and South-west Africa	London : 13th-28th February Edinburgh : 13th-27th February Elsewhere : 18th February-1st March
Letters and Printed Papers for :—	
Ascension and St. Helena ...	All districts : 18th January-28th February
Madagascar	All districts : 16th-28th February
Parcels for :—	
Ascension and St. Helena ...	All districts : 18th January-27th February
Northern and Southern Rhodesia (*via* Cape Town and *via* Beira), Nyasaland, South Africa and South-west Africa	All districts : 13th-27th January
Portuguese East Africa	All districts : 11th-27th February
Air Mails (Correspondence prepaid at the rate of 1s. 3d. per ½ oz. for :—	
Bahrein Island, Ceylon, India, Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda, Zanzibar	All districts : 18th-28th February
China (Unoccupied)	All districts : 14th-25th February
Iran, Iraq, Somalia	All districts : 15th-26th February

The Postmaster-General regrets to announce that the undermentioned *surface* mails have been lost by enemy action :—

	Districts and approximate dates of posting
Letters for : Ethiopia, French Somali Coast, Saudi Arabia and Somali ...	All districts : 26th-28th February
Letters and Printed Papers for :— Aden, British Somaliland, Kenya, Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian), Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar	Manchester area : 1st-3rd March Elsewhere : 1st-2nd March
Parcels for :— Aden	All districts : 4th January-2nd March
Kenya, Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian), Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar.	All districts : 1st-2nd March

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

Bermuda

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 20th March 1943 (pages 108–109), the Board of Trade have received a copy of the Import Regulations Amendment No. 2, which contains the following amendments to the list of goods the importation of which into Bermuda is restricted :—

GOODS FOR WHICH NO IMPORT PERMITS WILL BE GRANTED FOR IMPORTATION FROM ANY SOURCE

Foodstuffs :—

Delete the words "in not less than 6-lb. containers" after the words "spiced ham."

Add the word "pineapple" after the words "pears and prunes."

Electrical equipment :—

Delete the words "floor and table lamps" and "washing machines."

Jewellery :—

Delete the words "wall and table mirrors."

British India

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

H.M. Trade Commissioner at Calcutta has forwarded copies of notifications Nos. 1–3—I.T.C./43, dated 23rd January 1943, which provide for the following amendments to the lists of exceptions contained in notifications No. 56—I.T.C./41, No. 22—I.T.C./42 and No. 25—I.T.C./40.*

To clause (ii) of each of these notifications add the following :—

"Or in transit through India by post, or redirected by post outside India without leaving the custody of the Postal Department."

Canada

CUSTOMS TARIFF

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded a copy of a Memorandum Series D, No. 47, T.C. 112, which states that by Order in Council P.C. 2002 of 12th March 1943, the following new Tariff Item is established with effect from 2nd January 1943 :—

375a. Ferro-vanadium and vanadium oxide, when for use in the manufacture of steel or iron—British Preferential, Intermediate and General Tariff—Free.

PROHIBITED IMPORTS

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded copies of Memoranda WM 93 and 94, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which state that by Orders in Council Nos. P.C. 1869 of 9th March and P.C. 2201 of 18th March, the importa-

* (See the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 8th November 1941, page 283, 13th June 1942, page 293, and 21st March 1942, page 164.)

tion into Canada of the following goods is prohibited except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by or on behalf of the Minister of National Revenue :—

Asphalt or asphaltum, solid or not, and asphaltum oil for paving or other purposes ; asphalt preparations in liquid form containing asbestos or other fibrous materials ; asphalt caulking compounds, asphalt cements and asphalt emulsions ; asphalt shingles, asphalt roofing and asphalt siding ; building papers and building boards or felts, coated or impregnated with asphalt (Customs Tariff Items 273, 273a, ex 711, ex 192, ex 192c).

New or unused empty containers (including drums, gas cylinders and collapsible tubes) made wholly or in part of metal and intended for packing or packaging goods for sale, storage and/or shipment.

Any type of cap, closure or sealing device made wholly or in part of metal to be affixed to any container.

Gold Coast

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notices under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st November 1941 (page 269) and 14th March 1942 (page 144), the Board of Trade have received a copy of Gazette Notice No. 1496, published in the "Gold Coast Gazette" of 26th December 1942, which adds the following items to the list of goods the importation of which into the Gold Coast is authorised under General Open Licence No. 11, from any part of the British Empire having currency based on sterling :—

110. Cotton manufactures—fents.
126. Artificial silk manufactures—handkerchiefs, not in the piece, but excluding pocket handkerchiefs.

Grenada

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Customs Duties (Amendment No. 3) Ordinance, 1942, assented to on 28th December 1942, which provides for the following modifications in the Grenada Customs Tariff :—

FIRST SCHEDULE

Item No.	Article	British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
ex 36	Cotton :—		
	(c) Manufactures known as Denim (Dungaree) and coloured drills ... ... ad val	5%	7½%
ex 74	Oil :—		
	(a) Crude : (i) Fuel ... ... per gallon	4d.	4d.
	(ii) For road making and similar work per 100 gallons	5s. 0d.	5s. 0d.
	(c) Illuminating, including kerosene and other refined petroleum burning oils ... per gallon	2d.	2d.
	(e) Motor spirits, including benzine, benzoline, gasolene, naphtha and petrol spirits generally ... ... per gallon	1s. 2d.	1s. 2d.
ex 95	Sugar :—		
	(a) Refined ... ... per 100 lbs.	10s. 0d.	15s. 0d.

The following item is added to the Second Schedule (Exemption from Duty) :—

23A. Films, cinematograph films of an educational character approved by the Governor.

VALUATION FOR DUTY PURPOSES

The above-mentioned Ordinance further provides for the amendment of Section 6 (1) of the Customs Duties Ordinance (Revised Edition 1934) by the insertion of the words "(other than War Risks Insurance in excess of 5%)" after the word "insurance."

The effect of this amendment is that War Risk Insurance in excess of 5 per cent. will be disregarded in the value of any imported goods for the purpose of assessing *ad valorem* duties.

New Zealand

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Customs Import Prohibition Order, 1942, No. 2, effective 24th December 1942, which prohibits the importation into New Zealand, except with the written consent of the Minister of Internal Affairs, of any living animal other than "poultry" as defined by the Poultry Act, 1924, and "stock" as defined by the Stock Act, 1908.

St. Lucia

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of S. R. & O. No. 85 of 1942, dated 19th December 1942, which provides for the following modifications in the St. Lucia Customs Tariff :—

Item No.	Article	British Preferential Tariff	General Tariff
11	*Beer and ale, stout and porter per gall.	4s. 0d.	6s. 0d.
ex 49	Hardware :—		
	(e) *Water tanks and water bowls used in a dairy*	Free	5% *ad val.*
ex 66	(1) Machinery, including parts, viz. :—		
	(m) *Dairy including milking machines, cream separators, churns for butter workers, cheese presses, milk coolers, bottling machines, milk-testing apparatus, pasteurising plant and refrigeration plant*	Free	5% *ad val.*
	(2) Machinery accessories, appliances and apparatus which the Collector of Customs is satisfied are for use in connection with any machinery detailed above under (m)	Free	5% *ad val.*
ex 71	Metals—		
	(e) *Metal pipes, tubes and fittings used for making stalls in cow sheds*	Free	5% *ad val.*
ex 75	Oil :—		
	(a) Crude :—		
	(i) Fuel for the manufacture of sugar or other agricultural products, or for the manufacture of ice or for use in internal combustion engines used industrially and commercially per gall.	0s. 1d.	0s. 1d.
	(ii) Passed by the Collector of Customs for road making and other similar work per 100 galls.	5s. 0d.	5s. 0d.
	(iii) Not otherwise provided for per gall.	0s. 3d.	0s. 3d.
	* (c) Illuminating, including kerosene and other refined petroleum burning oils per gall.	0s. 6d.	0s. 6d.
	* (e) Motor spirit, including benzine, benzoline, gasolene, naphtha and petrol spirits generally... ... ... per gall.	1s. 0d.	1s. 0d
ex 92	Spirits :—		
	*(b) Gin :—		
	(i) In bottles and not overproof per liquid gall.	36s. 0d.	48s. 0d.
	(ii) All other ... ... per proof gall.	42s. 6d.	57s. 0d.
	* (d) Whisky :—		
	(i) In bottles and not overproof per liquid gall.	40s. 0d.	53s. 6d.
	(ii) All other ... ... per proof gall.	47s. 0d.	63s. 0d.

NOTE.—The wording in *italics* represents an addition to the tariff.

* Free of 25% surcharge.

Brazil

MODIFICATION OF CONSUMPTION TAXES ON TOBACCO, ETC.

The Commercial Counsellor to H.M. Embassy at Rio de Janeiro reports that a Decree Law No. 5283 of 26th February 1943, published in the "Diario Oficial" of 1st March, increases the excise (consumption) taxes on tobaccos, cigars, cigarettes and snuff, both locally produced and imported.

Iraq

CUSTOMS TARIFF MODIFICATIONS (TEMPORARY REDUCTIONS)

With reference to the previous notice under the above heading in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 18th April 1942 (page 218), H.M. Ambassador at Bagdad has forwarded a translation of Customs Regulation No. 18 of 1943 which extends until 31st December 1943 the term of Customs Regulation No. 20 of 1942 reducing the import duty to 1 fils per kilo for ghee (Tariff No. 9A), rice, in the straw or unhusked grains, broken, husked, including glazed (Tariff No. 31), and to 72 fils per 10 kilos net for olive oil (Tariff No. 56A), other oils fit for human consumption (Tariff No. ex 56B), and margarine (Tariff No. ex 58).

Trade and Industry

Brazil

RECENT TRADE CONDITIONS

Although for security reasons, the publication of Brazil's foreign trade statistics have been suppressed since April 1942, there are other indications pointing to the probability that Brazil again established a very satisfactory surplus in foreign trade for 1942, following upon the active balance of some 1,215 million cruzeiros (say £15 million sterling) for the complete year 1941. Thus, the balance sheet of the Bank of Brazil at the end of 1942 shows very large assets held abroad, while various factors point to a slight improvement in the shipping situation. The commodities which were exported in larger volume during last year comprised rubber, manganese, rock-crystal, meat, maize and matté, but declines were recorded in shipments of coffee, cotton, castor-seed, cocoa, oranges and Brazil nuts, some of which, however, were compensated by the higher prices received. Thus, the fall of 34 per cent. in volume of coffee ship-

ments in 1942 compared with 1941 was fully counterbalanced by the higher prices received, while the smaller volume of raw cotton and linters shipped abroad last year was partly compensated by the rise of 35 to 50 per cent. in prices of raw cotton as well as in cotton-seed, so that the general cotton situation is regarded as fairly satisfactory taking into account the present shipping shortage and the loss of the larger pre-war markets. The increased volume of meat and meat products shipped abroad at higher prices more than made up for the decline in shipments of hides and other animal products due to the shipping shortage. The Federal Government continues actively to encourage intensification of the output of strategic materials needed for the war effort, while special attention is also being given to the increased production of foodstuffs, particularly in the north of Brazil.

Internal trade in Brazil continues to be affected by the reduction in transport facilities, as well as by the currency inflation experienced but the Government has introduced a number of anti-inflation measures. Commercial profits during the current year are likely to be on a smaller scale due to the reduction in stocks of imported goods, the much higher level of prices now ruling, the increased taxation on incomes and profits and the measures of control which the Government is gradually adopting over all forms of production.

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given :—

Madras, 27th March. The sowing of paddy and dry crops is proceeding. Crops are unchanged.

Bihar, 29th March. Crops are fair. The crushing of sugarcane and harvesting of rabi crops are proceeding.

Orissa, 5th April. Wheat and linseed have been harvested. Paddy is thriving.

Punjab, 5th April. The condition of crops is unchanged. Slight damage has been done by locusts in the Jhelum district.

Central Provinces, 2nd April. The harvesting of wheat and linseed is going on.

Assam, 12th April. The planting of autumn rice and sowing of jute have been delayed. Lac is good.—*Trade Commissioner for India in London.*

Chile

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The moderate decline in Chilean domestic trade visible in September last continued in the fourth quarter of 1942. An accompanying expansion of activity in some divisions of industry, however, was observed. This favourable development was regarded as an immediate response to the Government's announcement of proposed measures for stimulating local production, especially those branches directly affecting costs of living. Uncertainties in the immediate economic outlook were ascribed to unsolved problems in industrial relations reflected in numerous disputes over wages and working conditions.

The signing of a revised contract for the purchase of Chilean nitrate by the United States was announced at the end of the year. The new terms, made effective retrospectively from 1st July 1942, provide for an adjustment of the price received to offset increases in costs of production and transportation. Press comment has indicated the expectation that shipments of the product to the United States during the current marketing year, to end 30th June, will be approximately double the corresponding quantity in 1941–42, while the war-time stimulation of the country's nitrate business is not expected to restore the levels of prosperity that prevailed before synthetic materials began to dominate the markets abroad. Some features of the current improvement promise continuing benefits. Large stocks of unsold material taken over when Chile's industry became State monopoly about 10 years ago have only recently been fully distributed, it is said ; and this clearing of the inventory position is important preparation for normal working of the product.

The growth of general manufacturing activity in 1942 is suggested by the index of production in August last, when the level was 2·3 per cent. higher than the July figure and 5·6 per cent. above that shown a year earlier. A continuing rise of commodity prices was recorded, the general wholesale index for August standing 41·3 per cent. above the comparable level in 1941.—*Guaranty Trust Company of New York.*

New Zealand

FOREIGN TRADE IN 1942

Figures recently issued by the Auckland Chamber of Commerce (incorporated) show that the excess of exports over imports in 1942 constituted a record, the figures for the last five years being as under :—

Year	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports
	£'000	£'000	£'000
1938	55,422	58,376	2,954
1939	49,387	58,049	8,662
1940	48,998	73,741	24,743
1941	49,167	67,479	18,312
1942	53,670	80,875	27,205

The figures quoted are an indication of the extent to which New Zealand is curtailing her home consumption and at the same time augmenting her production to meet the war needs ; the increase in the value of exports being represented mainly by an increase in the volume thereof and only to an extent of 15 per cent. by increases in the prices realised.

When on the other hand the fact is taken into consideration that prices of imported commodities have risen 60 per cent. since the outbreak of the war, it will be realised that the curtailment of the volume of imports has been greater than the value figures would suggest.

The value of exports recorded in 1942 constituted an all-time record. The figures quoted indicate that the production of the country's farms and other primary industries is making a notable contribution towards the war effort.

Southern Rhodesia

MINERAL OUTPUT IN 1942

According to the Economic and Statistical Bulletin of Southern Rhodesia, issued by the Department of Statistics, Salisbury, the total value of the mineral output in the year under review was £9,377,166 as compared with £8,899,080 in 1941 and £9,166,241 in 1940. Of this total the gold value in 1942 was £6,384,255 as against £6,639,715 a year earlier.

Sweden

RECENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Economic conditions in Sweden during the second half of 1942 were considered generally more favourable than the trends that prevailed in the first six months. The improvement was attributable partly to the increased harvests of bread grains. The wheat crop estimate at 16,600,000 bushels was 37 per cent. greater than the preceding yield but much less than the pre-war average production. The output of rye, slightly exceeding the new wheat, was 55 per cent. more than the amount produced in 1941 and somewhat greater than the 1934-38 crop average. The apparent consumption of bread during the period of 12 months ended August last greatly exceeded the quantity that could be provided by the marketable supply of grain produced in 1941. The deficit was covered partly by mixing barley and potato flour with standard materials. Changes in rationing and milling regulations that reflected the larger yields of grain last year were made effective in September.

Almost all Swedish exports of foodstuffs in 1942 were accounted for as barter transactions—such, for instance, as shipments of salted herrings to Roumania in exchange for lubricating oils of equivalent value. No diminution of the total food supply, however, was indicated by the trade figures. Imports of food materials during the first half of the year were valued at 169 million crowns, 34 per cent. more than the corresponding amount in 1941 ; and the excess of imports over exports, was 155 million crs. as compared with 97 million crs. a year earlier.

The iron and steel industry, which generally operated full time during the first half of 1942, has been increasingly handicapped in recent months by lack of supplies. Little recoverable scrap metal apparently remains in the cities and collections in rural districts is peculiarly difficult.

Various undertakings, public and private, help minimise the hardships imposed by a continuing shortage of fuel. Completed construction of hydro-electric stations and the preparation of plans for additional power units are announced from time to time.

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459505	Stewart, A. B. ...	Screw propellers and the like.
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The Patent Office. M. F. LINDLEY, *Comptroller-General.*

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Publications Received

The Baltic States as a British Market in the Past and Future, by Dr. V. Raud, former Commercial Counsellor and Consul-General for Estonia in London.

The Complete Projectionist, by R. Howard Cricks, F.R.P.S. (Technical Editor of *The Ideal Kinema*, Technical Correspondent, *Kinematograph Weekly*, Organising Secretary of the British Kinematograph Society). Edited by James Benson, Acting Editor *Ideal Kinema*. Published by Kinematograph Publications Ltd., 85 and 93 Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Price 8s. 1d. post free from Odhams Press Technical Book Department.

The publication under review (third edition) contains much new material while certain chapters have been largely rewritten and new chapters on tungsten and discharge lamps, stereophony, mobile projection and sub-standard films have been added.

Nyasaland Protectorate. Summary of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of Nyasaland—Fifty-eighth Session, 17th November 1942.

British Guiana Commercial Review, Vol. XXV, No. 12, December 1942. Published by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Georgetown, South America.

A publication devoted to the trade, industry and well-being of British Guiana and the West Indies.

The Journal of the Textile Institute, Vol. XXXIV, No. 3, March 1943. Published by the Textile Institute, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester.

Official Journal for Communications (*Transactions*) released for publication by the British Cotton Industry Research Association (including its Rayon and Silk Sections), the Wool Industries Research Association, the Linen Industry Research Association and the Technological Laboratory of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

Economic and Statistical Bulletin of Southern Rhodesia, Vol. X, No. 22, 21st January 1943. Issued by the Department of Statistics, Salisbury. *Sixth Census of the Population of the Union of South Africa*, enumerated, 5th May 1936 : Vol. IX. Natives (Bantu) and other Non-European Races. Price 7s. 6d.

Art and Industry, May 1943. Published monthly by The Studio Ltd., 66 Chandos Place, London, W.C.2. Price 1s. monthly net ; annual subscription 14s. post free.

The special Russian number now under review contains some interesting and authoritative articles on Soviet art and industry and its role in Revolution, Reconstruction and in building a Socialist State ; the role of the artist in the U.S.S.R. ; the artist's organisation—complete social security for the artist ; Soviet Propaganda methods—the artist's part in the war effort and an excerpt from an article by Sergei Eisenstein entitled "The Soviet Cinema."

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